

# News

## From the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission

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### **KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO DEDICATE JAMES E. BICKFORD STATE NATURE PRESERVE**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 17, 2003) -- The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a dedication ceremony on Monday, June 30, 2003, beginning at 1:30 p.m. EDT. The ceremony will take place at the Pine Mountain Settlement School (PMSS), Pine Mountain, Harlan County Ky. Additional information on the dedication ceremony is available by calling (502) 573-2886.

KSNPC's ceremony is for the formal dedication of the 348-acre James E. Bickford State Nature Preserve on the grounds of the PMSS. This exceptional natural area located on the north face of Pine Mountain is being named in honor of the former secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet who died in October 2002.

The ceremony and quarterly meeting of KSNPC will additionally commemorate the retirement of Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, who has served as the designee for the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts to KSNPC from 1989 to 2003.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. Contact Cecilia Mitchell at KSNPC before June 20, 2003, at (502) 573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT, if special arrangements are needed. More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502) 573-2886 or on the Internet ([www.kynaturepreserves.org](http://www.kynaturepreserves.org)).